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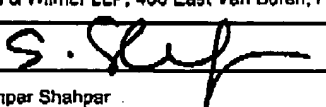
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	Art Unit	2171
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Application Number	09/872,499
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

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Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

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360	180
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Applicant:	NIHON INTERSYSTEMS CO., LTD.		
Serial No.:	09/872,499	Filing Date:	June 1, 2001
		Examiner:	Cam-Linh T. Nguyen
TITLE:	AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION METHOD, AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING AUTOMATIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM	Art Unit:	2171

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